

Judge or a Justice of the Peace, where the matter in controversy exceeds twenty-five dollars, and of matters of law in all cases.

Jurisdiction of
Superior Court
Clerks.

SEC. 17. The Clerks of the Superior Courts shall have jurisdiction of the probate of deeds, the granting of letters testamentary and of administration, the appointment of guardians, the apprenticing of orphans, to audit the accounts of executors, administrators and guardians, and of such other matters as shall be prescribed by law. All issues of fact joined before them shall be transferred to the Superior Courts for trial, and appeals shall lie to the Superior Courts from their judgments in all matters of law.

Right of appeal.

In case of waiver
of trial by jury.

SEC. 18. In all issues of fact, joined in any Court, the parties may waive the right to have the same determined by jury, in which case the finding of the Judge upon the facts shall have the force and effect of a verdict of a jury.

Special courts in
cities.

SEC. 19. The General Assembly shall provide for the establishment of Special Courts, for the trial of misdemeanors, in Cities and Towns, where the same may be necessary.

Clerk of Supreme
Court.

SEC. 20. The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the Court, and shall hold his office for eight years.

Election of Super-
ior Court Clerk.

SEC. 21. A Clerk of the Superior Court for each County shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law for the election of members of the General Assembly.

Term of office.

SEC. 22. Clerks of the Superior Courts shall hold their offices for four years.

Fees, salaries and
emoluments.

SEC. 23. The General Assembly shall prescribe and regulate the fees, salaries and emoluments of all officers provided for in this Article; but the salaries of the judges shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

What laws are and
shall be in force.

SEC. 24. The laws of North Carolina, not repugnant to this Constitution, or to the Constitution and laws of the United States, shall be in force until lawfully altered.